

Remarks

The present application includes claims 1-33 and 59-61. With this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 12-13, 19, 21, 25, 30 and 33. Applicants have canceled claims 2, 3, 9-11, 14-18, 22-24, 26-29, 32, and 59-60. Upon entry of these amendments claims 1, 4-8, 12, 13, 19-21, 25, 30, 31, and 33 will be pending.

The Examiner has objected to claim 30 because of an informality. Applicants have amended claim 30 in response thereto and believe the informality has been corrected.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 3-8, 12, 14, 19-21, 25, 30, 31 and 33 which are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly. Applicants therefore believe that claims 1, 4-8, 12, 13, 19-21, 25, 30, 31, and 33 are allowable.

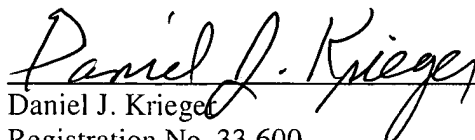
Applicants do not acquiesce in the Examiner's rejections, but instead have elected to make the above-mentioned amendments in an effort to expedite prosecution of this application leading to issuance of a patent.

If necessary, Applicants request that this response be considered a request for an extension of time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this response be charged to the deposit account of Bose McKinney & Evans, Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below should any question or comments arise during the course of consideration of this matter.

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